



**HAMILTON VOLUNTEER  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
COMPANY 5**

*Loudoun County, Virginia*



July 29, 2008

Doug Rambo,

We would like for you to seriously consider us for the 60%/40% Apparatus Replacement Program for this fiscal year. Our Engine is a 1989 Pierce that is really starting to show signs of wear. During our recent pump testing session we found that the pump's ability was less than 50% of its volume and needed to be repaired. This hefty bill of about \$12,000 goes along with the countless others that have been "nickel and diming" us for the past three years. It is apparent to us that the engine needs to be replaced both for our safety, the career staff's as well as our community residents and the residents of the neighboring towns and cities.

Hopefully our request to replace the engine on the 60%/40% Apparatus Replacement Program will be considered and be at the top of your list. We, as a department, strive to maintain a high level of response to our community and have proven we've been able to hold our own. Four years ago, the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department along with the Hamilton Volunteer Rescue Squad joined forces to form the Hamilton Safety Center which cost \$2.4 million. Loudoun County didn't offer us any assistance with this venture unlike the Purcellville Safety Center which will likely cost 3-1/2 times more with only a three year differential. More recently we purchased Wagon 5 with a price tag of \$475,000.00 again with no assistance from Loudoun County. We understand that times are tough in the economy and this is the main reason we are asking for your support.

In closing we hope that you will grant us the funding for the 40% so that we may continue to protect our community and provide a safe means of doing so. Thank you greatly for your time and consideration.

**Michael DeBaise**

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